

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas
December 30, 1957

DIRECT REPLY TO:
P. O. BOX 997
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Mr. A. L. Porter
Secretary and Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox location in the Blanco Mesa Verde Pool.

The well, El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 29-7 Unit well No. 63, is to be located 1480 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 29 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The E/2 of the section is dedicated to the Mesa Verde formation. The NE/4 of Section 10, in which the well is to be located, is comprised of extremely rugged terrain. The only accessible ground for a well location in the NE/4 of Section 10 is against the side of a rocky cliff leading to the top of a steep mesa. This makes it necessary to place the location unorthodox as the only alternative to offset the extremely high cost of constructing an orthodox location.

Since the location will be well within the boundaries of the San Juan 29-7 Unit, the operator of which is El Paso Natural Gas Company, the approval of any other operator has not been sought.

I am enclosing two copies of the Certified Well Location Plat and two copies of our Intention to Drill.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED E. S. OBERLY

E. S. Oberly
Division Petroleum Engineer

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Encl.

cc: NMOCC (Emery Arnold) ✓
Sam Smith
USGS (Phil McGrath)



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United States of America

Washington, D.C.

January 1, 1951

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of the Interior has received your letter of December 15, 1950, regarding the proposed amendment to the regulations governing the disposal of public lands. The Department is currently reviewing the proposed amendment and will advise you of the results of its review as soon as possible.

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